

# family 'round the table



Decorations: Use the Play Doh® and any modeling tools you may have around the house as table decorations. Use colorful placemats and napkins to dress the table.

## MENU

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli with Italian dressing, country peach pie with ice cream.

### Country Peach Pie

#### Ingredients:

- 4-5 medium free stone peaches
- prepared pie crust
- a handful of raisins or blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg and cinnamon
- 1 tbs flour
- 1 tbs sugar
- lemon juice
- melted butter or margarine

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°.
2. Peel and slice the peaches and sprinkle them with lemon juice to preserve the color.
3. Add the blueberries or raisins, the spices, and the flour and sugar. Mix gently.
4. Prepared pie crusts usually come two to a package to plan to bake 2 pies. Makes a great breakfast rewarmed or cold.
5. Place a pie crust on a baking sheet and heap fruit in the middle of the crust.
6. Gently fold up the edges to create a sort of pocket for the fruit.
7. Baste the crust lightly with melted butter or margarine.
8. Place the baking pan on the middle of the oven and bake at 400° for about 15-20 minutes. The crust will have begun to brown so you may want to cover the folded crust with foil to prevent it from becoming too brown.
9. Turn the oven down to 350° and continue baking for 30 to 40 minutes, until the filling is bubbling and the fruit is soft.

### Blessing:

Our Heavenly Father, kind and good, we thank you for our daily food.  
We thank you for your love and care.



## PLAYING TOGETHER

Share this Play Doh® trivia as you play with it:

Noah and Joseph McVicker invented the compound in 1956. It came in one color, white, and was sold in 1.5 pound cans as wallpaper cleaner. The inventors quickly recognized its potential use as a toy, so they founded a company call Rainbow Crafts and re-released it as a toy. They were millionaires while still in their twenties.

Play Doh® was first sold in the toy department of the Woodward and Lothrop Department Store in Washington D.C. Early advertisers were Miss Francis of Ding Dong School and Captain Kangaroo. The product was eventually sold to the Hasbro Company who took the product to the international toy market. To date over 900 million pounds have been sold.

Over the years many spin off toys were created, including the still popular FUN FACTORY®. In 2006 a limited edition fragrance capturing the distinctive Play Doh® smell was made to celebrate its 50th birthday. As part of the birthday celebration Hasbro brought out a bucket of 50 different colors of Play Doh®.

### Activity One: I'm a Sculptor!

Materials: Play Doh® is usually sold in packages of four cans. Plan on one can per person, but the more colors the better. Have modeling tools, plastic plates, and a camera on hand.

#### Directions:

1. Give everyone their own can of Play Doh® and a plate to serve as the base for their sculpture.
2. Talk about the sorts of things they might make. Younger children may be more comfortable making their sculpture flat on the plate. Encourage them to build it up.
3. Encourage everyone to add detail and embellishments to their work.
4. Take a photo of each sculptor and their work.



## STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

Synagogue life was filled with rules about how things were to be done. Jesus laid out a plan for how those who follow him---those who came to be called Christians--  
--were to settle their differences and hold each other accountable for their actions.

Jesus also raised the importance of praying together about the things that concerned the church community.

Invite a family member to find and be ready to read aloud Matthew 18:15-20.

### Reflection Questions for the Family

1. When someone in your family or a close friend does something wrong to you, how do you react? Cry? Complain? Try to get even? What is it that you really want to happen?
2. While Jesus meant his instructions for people in the church community, how do you think the same instructions might apply to living in a family?
3. Using the outline Jesus gave for settling disagreements, write a plan for how your family will settle their differences.
4. Look again at verses 19-20. Can you find the promise Jesus makes to people who gather in his name? What do you think is so special about people agreeing on something in prayer?



## PRAYING TOGETHER

Light a worship candle and place the open Bible next to it.

Read Psalm 149:1-4 responsively:

One: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Others: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

One: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

Others: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Sing or speak one of these hymns:

- “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” [<http://www.oremus.org/hymnal/t/t651.html>]
- “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” [<http://www.oremus.org/hymnal/i/i066.html>]

Invite family members to share their joys and concerns and to pray for one another. Close by praying together.